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CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEEGas Turbine Blade Inspection Equipment for
the Soviet Zone of GermanyMEMORANDUM BY THE
UNITED KINGDOM DELEGATION

Her Majesty's Government have been asked to approve the export of gas turbine blade inspection equipment to the Soviet Zone of Germany. This equipment is embargoed under I.L.1080 (e).

2. The inspection equipment in question comprises six liquid column indicator machines for inspecting a number of dimensions simultaneously. The machines are basically general-purpose inspection equipment of a sort which finds a wide range of civil industrial applications. In this case they are provided with tooling specially adapted to inspect gas turbine blade forgings which will be supplied from the United Kingdom for use in civilian aircraft under development in the Soviet Zone of Germany. (The only tooling provided would be for the inspection of these particular blades.) The blade forgings will be inspected by similar machines before despatch from the United Kingdom and the East German purchaser wishes to use this equipment for subsequent maintenance purposes.

3. The value of the machines, including tooling, is £16,000 each. The basic inspection machine, without the special tooling, is not embargoed by any item on the International Lists. The value of the special tooling, which alone brings the equipment in question within the scope of the embargo, represents only 15% of the total value.

4. Her Majesty's Government take the view that -

- (i) The export comprises no strategic risk for the West.
- (ii) The number of machines is appropriate to the stated end-use.
- (iii) The machines represent a reasonable maintenance and servicing requirement for use with non-embargoed equipment.

5. Her Majesty's Government wish to approve the above project; and the United Kingdom Delegation accordingly submit this case for consideration by the Committee on an ad hoc basis, and would be grateful for the views of other Delegations on September 19.

United Kingdom Delegation,
PARIS.

July 30, 1960